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Sir:

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The Examiner is requested to review each cited document and personally determine its prior art status.

Applicants recommend that the Examiner conduct an independent search for any and all available material prior art and independently review the results of such search and the documents cited within this Statement.

Applicants request the Examiner, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97, to indicate and make of record receipt and review of all of these documents by initialing the appropriate box in the accompanying PTO-1449. Applicants request that the undersigned receive a copy of the initialed PTO-1449.

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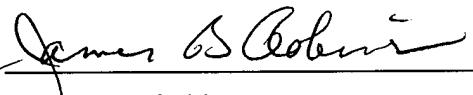
The Examiner's attention is also drawn to copending and coassigned U.S. patent applications Serial Nos. 60/257,982 - Jeffrey D. Shelley et al.; 60/257,973 - Jeffrey D. Shelley et al; 60/257,972 - Jeffrey D. Shelley et al, filed December 22, 2000 and 09/746,858 - Jose E. Maldonado et al. and 09/747,278 - Jose E. Maldonado et al., filed December 21, 2000. Copies of these applications are enclosed for the Examiner's convenience. The art cited in these five applications is included in the attached PTO-1449.

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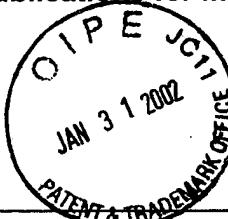
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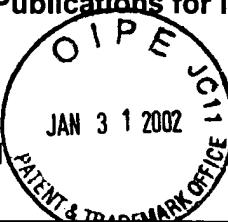
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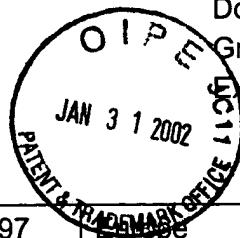
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